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File No.: 3130-1R USFS/2017-01010

Subject: Vallenar Bay Young Growth Project, Gravina Island, Southeast Alaska

Susan Howle
Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District
3031 Tongass Avenue
Ketchikan, AK 99901-5743

Dear Ms. Howle,

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your letter (dated August 29, 2017) and report, titled *Heritage Resource Investigations for the Proposed Vallenar Bay Young Growth Project Gravina Island Southeast Alaska*, on August 31, 2017. Following our review of the documentation provided, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we concur with your finding of **no historic properties affected** for the subject project.

Please note that as stipulated in 36 CFR § 800.3, other consulting parties such as the local government and Tribes are required to be notified of the undertaking. Additional information provided by the local government, Tribes or other consulting parties may cause our office to re-evaluate our comments and recommendations. Please note that our comment letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties. Should unidentified cultural resources be discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR § 60.4) in consultation with our office.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject project. Please contact Mark Rollins at 269-8722 or mark.rollins@alaska.gov if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith E. Bittner".

Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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